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City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

February 2020

2020: Be Heard & Be Counted

2020 is an important year for our community to “Be Heard and Be Counted” both at the ballot box and by participating in the U.S. Census. Thursday, March 12, will be an important day for our community.



It is the first day that people can fill out the 2020 U.S. Census survey, which will be offered online.

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution states that a census of the population of the country will be conducted. The first Census was conducted in 1790 and has been done every ten years and counts every person only once in one place.

The U.S. Census is done to determine the population in each state and determine how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives each state will have. States use the Census information to determine the boundaries for these seats, as well as for seats in legislature and county offices.



The U.S. Census is also done to determine where the more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states counties and cities will be distributed and spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

Local governments use the census data for public safety and for emergency preparedness. Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores which create stores and jobs.

There are a lot of good reasons to take part in the 2020 U.S. Census but there may also be questions. It is against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release responses that may identify anyone or anyone in a household. By law, your responses can not be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

In the last Census, done in 2010, Tucson had a population under count and it cost us \$64 million in federal funds for programs that we use. We can't do that again, we must take part in the 2020 U.S. Census and be counted so that we get our representation in the U.S. Congress and the federal funding for the programs our community needs.

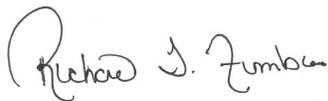
This year, the election will decide who will serve as this nation's President, Senator from Arizona and U.S. Representatives from Arizona in Congress, to name three of the many elections to be decided.

It is important to be registered to vote and then cast your vote in the election. People have fought and died for you to be able to cast your vote in an election and this election in 2020 is too important not to vote. If you are not registered to vote, fill out a voter registration form.

In addition to the Presidential election, Arizona will be voting for a U.S. Senator, Arizona's 9 Congressional Seats, three seats on the Arizona Corporation Commission, the 30 seats in the Arizona Senate and 90 seats in the Arizona House, several ballot measures as well as the Pima County Board of Supervisors and the County offices: Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor and Recorder to name several of the many decisions to be made on the 2020 ballot.

If you are registered to vote, then do so. It is too important and too much is at stake. Starting on March 12, I urge you to "Be Heard & Be Counted," and fill out the U.S. Census and then "Be Heard & Be Counted" in November by voting in the upcoming federal election.

Thank you.



Richard Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember



Ward 5 Safety Calendar Winners Recognized

At the February 19th Mayor and Council meeting, the Mayor and Council joined me in recognizing the artwork winners for the 2020 City of Tucson Ward 5 Safety Calendar. They were:

Carolina Simental - Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School; Camila Moreno Lara- Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School; Estrella Martinez - Carrillo K-5 Magnet School; Ciara Dominguez - Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School;

Alyah Ortega - Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School; Jason Wagner - Carrillo K-5 Magnet School; Mariah Landavaso - Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School; Claire Rivera - Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School; Jaeden Moreno - St. Ambrose Catholic School; Lilian Pierson - St. Ambrose Catholic School; Kitzia Soto - Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School; Nayeli Romero - Carrillo K-5 Magnet School; Eliana Colosio - Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School; and Hakeem Ramirez - Mexicayotl Academy.

I want to thank the sponsors for this year's Safety Calendar: City Manager's Office, Tucson Fire, Tucson Police, Pima County Sheriff's Department and the Pima Corrections Association. I also want to thank Roger Canchola for his donation of the McDonald gift cards to the winners.

Love of Reading

Children who love reading perform better in school overall. It's simple—the more kids like to read, the more they do it, and the better they become at reading. If a child loves to read—and does a lot of it—he or she will have a real advantage when it comes to school.

This is what the Love of Reading does, instill the love to read books. I love to read and that is why I take part in Love of Reading.

On Tuesday, February 10th, I had the privilege to read to students in Mrs. Segura's Kindergarten and Ms. Bevin's Second Grade Class at Mary Belle McCorkle School for Love of Reading Week. I want to thank Ms. Bevin, Mrs. Segura and the staff at Mary Belle McCorkle School for giving me the opportunity to read.

On Wednesday, February 11th, I had the privilege of reading to Mr. Rodriguez's 1st grade class and Ms. Broussard's kindergarten class. I want to thank Mary Quinones and Warren Elementary again for their work and the opportunity to read to school children at Warren.

On Friday, February 14th I had the privilege of reading to Ms. Lee and Ms. Yazzi's classes. I want to thank Holladay for the opportunity to read to our school children. I also want to congratulate the teachers, staff and students at Holladay, who have worked hard to raise the school's grade to a B in state assessments. Education is the key to success.



U of A Tech Park at Bridges Ground Breaking

On Thursday, February 27th, the public groundbreaking took place for the University of Arizona Tech Park at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges, located in Ward 5. The first building at the Bridges Tech Park will be a 120,000 square foot, mixed used development that will also include: Tech Launch Arizona and the U of A Center for Innovation business incubator and its client startups.



The building will feature corporate innovation centers, a student innovation zone, and convertible meeting, event, classroom and maker spaces.

This project was a long time coming and thanks to the work of the Pueblo Gardens, Western Hills II, South Park and Las Vistas neighborhoods, as well as Maggie Gerring, Pat Garcia, Willie Bean, Edwina Gomez and James Christopher, we have all parts of the Bridges now under construction.

I want to thank U of A President Bobby Robbins for his foresight and vision for this project and Carol Stewart, Associate Vice President of Tech Parks Arizona, for taking this from a long awaited concept to a reality.

Councilmember Fimbres honored by Urban League

The 33rd Annual Tucson Urban League Drum Major Awards took place, February 20th at the Doubletree.

I was one of the honorees at the event and I want to thank my fellow honorees on their recognition for their work to better our community and to the Urban League for this recognition.

I was honored and humbled to receive this award.



American Legion Riders Badge Pinning

On Sunday, February 16th, I had the privilege of participating in the badge pinning ceremony at American Legion Post 36 for the American Legion Riders.

More than 30 received badges from the American Patriot Memorial (APM), who work for our veterans in our community. APM has helped with the Ward 5 Thank You Cards for Veterans at the Southern Arizona VA and Veterans Recognition Dinners at the Kaycee Club 1200. Congratulations to those who received their badges.



95th Annual Tucson Rodeo Parade

More than 200,000 turned out for the 95th Annual Tucson Rodeo Parade, which took place Thursday, February 20th.

This year's Parade Route was on Ajo to Park to Irvington to 6th Avenue in Ward 5.

Several Tucsonans, including Gilbert Rodriguez from Ward 5, who served this nation in World War II were honored for the service by being named Grand Marshall, for the 95th Annual Tucson Rodeo Parade. Congratulations to you all and thank you for your service.



Mayor Regina Romero, Councilmember Paul Durham, City Manager Michael Ortega and Tucson Police Chief Chris Magnus joined me in taking part in the parade by riding in a wagon. I also want to thank Carol Stewart, Associate Vice President for Tech Park Arizona for riding with us in the parade.



I want to congratulate the Rodeo Parade and its volunteers for their work and for another successful event.



**Ward 5 March Neighborhood Meetings**

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm, Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street.

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Mortimore Neighborhood Association – Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm at Jesus Reigns Christian Fellowship, 5337 S. Palo Verde.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, March 16th at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Road.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 pm at Church of Christ Southside, 2503 E. 36th Street.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

The City of Tucson Neighborhood Services Section staff coordinates provision of resources to Neighborhood Associations (NA). This includes assisting with the formation and maintenance of NAs; answering NA questions; disseminating information to NA's; and processing NA newsletters (1/year/NA). Neighborhood Services Contact Information: Phone: (520) 837-5013, E-Mail: neighborhood@tucsonaz.gov, Address: 201 N Stone Ave, 85701.

For more information about Neighborhood Resources, go online: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/neighborhood-resources>



Want a free helmet?



The Ward 5 Council Office, located at 4300 South Park, has a limited supply of free bike/scooter helmets that were given by Bird.

Please call the Ward 5 Council Office, (520) 791-4231 for more information and to pick up a helmet.



FREE
FAMILY
EVENT

TUCSON PARKS & RECREATION
QUINCIE DOUGLAS CENTER
**EGG HUNT
IN THE PARK**

Saturday, March 28, 2020
9-11:30 a.m.

Quincie Douglas Recreation Center
1575 E 36th St.
520-791-2507



EGG HUNT TIMES

5 & under - 9:30 a.m.
6 - 9 - 10:00 a.m.
10 & up - 10:30 a.m.

City of Tucson

Report Potholes in Your Neighborhood

Contact City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Call: 791-3154

Email: TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov

When you call to report a POTHOLE to be repaired in your neighborhood due to a concern of public safety, write person's name and date that you spoke with. Give the location (address or cross streets) where the issue is of concern. If POTHOLE is not repaired within a week then call the TDOT office once again.

If you choose to email the City of Tucson (TDOT) attach a photo or video of the POTHOLE location as this procedure is highly recommended. The best way is to use your cell phone, take the picture or video then forward to TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov with the location (address or cross streets) in order for City of Tucson maintenance crew to find it.

Document the following information:

Person you spoke with: _____

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Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318, Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non Emergency

791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

TDOT Street Maintenance

791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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